

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ADDITIONAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT

ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7PM

1. Welcome: Chair Cllr Sumner welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies: Cllr Rix sent his apologies due to health reasons; Cllr Kemp and Cllr Malvisi sent their apologies due to prior commitments.
3. Present: Cllr Madeline Gray, Cllr John Nunn, Cllr John Moore, Cllr Katie Jacobs, together with 2 members of the public.
4. Declarations of Interest: None.
5. Minutes: Cllrs had received draft Minutes of the following meetings: 2 April, 13 May, 25 June and 6 August 2019. Cllrs who were present at those meeting agreed that they were a true and accurate record of the meetings they were present at.
6. Public Forum: no questions from the members of the public present.
7. To consider the Babergh District Council draft Joint Local Plan which is currently out for consultation, and any response that the Parish Council may want to submit.
Cllr Moore had kindly led on this matter and had considered the JLP in relation to Alpheton and Bridge Street. Following discussion, the Parish Council agreed the following response to be submitted to BDC:
 - (i) PolicyLP01 – whilst the principle of development is to be acceptable within the settlement boundary, it is not clear whether “usual” planning criteria are to be adopted in considering applications and what these “usual” criteria comprise: for instance, is Policy LP30(2) such a “usual” criteria – hence, if the Hamlet is served only be an extremely limited public transport system, necessitating reliance on private vehicles (which is presumably not in accord with Policy LP30(2), then would this be a consideration in determining the application – the JLP is not clear on this; and
 - (ii) the decision to set **all** outstanding planning permission against the housing delivery targets does not seem to be particularly prudent; and
 - (iii) no view has been expressed, nor ventured in the draft nor at the briefing, of what might happen in the situation where, for instance, BDC is in a position to adopt the JLP but the JLP cannot be adopted because MID-Suffolk has not progressed in the same timeframe.
8. Parish Cllrs Reports: no reports at this additional meeting.
9. Planning: no new planning matters received.
10. Date and time of next meeting: **1st October 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall**

Meeting closed: 7.45pm

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